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FM AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4114

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY PARIS

C O N F I D E N T I A L NDJAMENA 1715

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG

SUBJ: MINI-REFINERY IN CHAD

1. ON MAY 21 I INFORMED RESIDENT MALLOUM THAT, AS HE HAD REQUESTED, I HAD CHECKED ON THE STATUS OF THE MINI-REFINERY DURING MY RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND LONDON.

2. I TOLD MIN THAT OPIC HAD INFORMED ME THEY WERE PROCEEDING ON THE LOAN GUARANTEE, AND THAT CONOCO OFFICIALS IN LONDON HAD ASSURED ME THEY AND THEIR PARTNERS WERE PROCEEDING WITH THE MINI-REFINERY. IN SHORT I NOTED THAT WHILE THERE HAD BEEN SOME DELAYS, IT APPEARED CERTAIN THE PRODUCT WOULD PROCEED. I ALSO SUGGESTED THAT NOW THAT THE LOCAL PRESIDENT OF CONOCO HAD RETURNED TO CHAD, HE COULD PROBABLY GIVE HIM A MORE DETAILED REPORT.

3. PRESIDENT SEEMED REASSURED AND MORE RELAXED THAN OUR EARLIER MEETING ON SUBJECT.

4. I DID NOT INFORM HIM THAT DURING MY LONDON VISIT I HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT MOST OF THE DELAYS TO DATE WERE BASED ON CONFIDENTIAL

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DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE FOUR PARTNERS (SHELL, CHEVRON, EXXON, AND CONOCO). INITIAL DELAY SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN THAT CHEVRON DID NOT WANT TO INVOLVE OPIC. AFTER THIS WAS RESOLVED (IN OPIC'S FAVOR). SHELL HAD DEMURRED AND IS PUSHING FOR FINANCING BY SOME FRENCH ORGANIZATION; THIS IS APPARENTLY OPPOSED BY THE THREE. WHILE SUCH QUESTIONS ARE THE INTERNAL AFFAIR OF THE COMPANY CONCERNED, IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE FOR US IF

FRENCH FINANCING WAS CHOSEN AS IT WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY CALL FOR  
PURCHASE OF FRENCH EQUIPMENT RATHER THAN AMERICAN. BRADFORD

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